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MEMORANDUM FOR ADVISOR FOR MANAGEMENT, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Transfer of SDS and GMS: Allocation of Functions  
Within CIG

1. By agreement with the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, the existing intelligence functions of GMS and SDS will be assumed by Central Intelligence Group on 30 June.

2. Physical custody of all captured German documents, which are jointly owned by the United States and Great Britain, will be transferred from the Intelligence Division, WDGS, to the Adjutant General, 31 May 1947. Captured documents returned from the European Theater in the future will be received and controlled by the Adjutant General. All such documents will be available for screening and exploitation by the Central Intelligence Group, but title to them will remain with the War Department.

3. The present intelligence functions of GMS are outlined in Appendix I; the archival and library functions hitherto performed by this section are not included in detail, since these will be transferred to the Adjutant General. The present functions of SDS are shown in Appendix II. A War Department statement of functions and status of current SDS/GMS projects is attached as Appendix III.

4. Since certain of the intelligence information operations now performed by GMS and SDS are normally the responsibility of different offices within the Central Intelligence Group, the following plan for the allocation of functions and personnel has been agreed on by authorized representatives of the Office of Operations, Office of Reports and Estimates and Office of Collection and Dissemination.

(1) All functions directly concerned with the processing, translating and exploiting of foreign documents for intelligence purposes will be assumed by the Office of Operations, Documents Branch. All necessary working files, indexes, records and linguist personnel from SDS and GMS will be transferred to and integrated with Documents Branch, which will continue the strictly documentary projects and functions currently assigned to GMS and SDS.

(2) Future projects and priorities for production of intelligence information will be determined by the Office of Collection and Dissemination in close coordination with the Office of Reports and Estimates.

**h.** The functions of inter-agency coordination and liaison will be assumed by the Office of Collection and Dissemination, delegated by them as necessary to Documents Branch, or handled according to the procedures already authorized for the latter by Memorandum of 31 December 1946. Subject: Control and Functions of the Washington Documents Center. The Office of Collection and Dissemination will authorize direct contact between Documents Branch and the Adjutant General for the purposes of screening and exploiting captured documents and advising the War Department as to the disposition of European documents of intelligence value. The Office of Collection and Dissemination will determine policies and channels in regard to incoming requests for information and the distribution of translations, index cards, and other publications now issued by SDS and CMDS through War Department channels.

**g.** The function of maintenance of the Industrial Card File, (which has been established on an inter-agency basis and includes information from other sources) will be taken over by the Office of Reports and Estimates as soon as practicable. The time factor will be reviewed on 1 October 1947. At such time Documents Branch will continue to extract and collate pertinent information from foreign documents for inclusion in the ICF by the Office of Reports and Estimates. In the interim, Documents Branch will carry on the entire ICF function of SDS, subject to the limitations in paragraph **h** above. Two complete sets of ICF cards will immediately be provided to the Office of Reports and Estimates, Reference Branch. The Office of Reports and Estimates will coordinate closely with the Office of Operations on procedures to be established for this and other specific projects of SDS and CMDS to be continued permanently or temporarily by Documents Branch.

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